

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS - REMINDER

The Tax Collector's Office has new hours on Thursday evenings. The office will now be open 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

The Town Clerk's office has also begun new hours on Thursday evenings. The office will now be open 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

FREMONT HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPEN

The Fremont Historical Museum located at 8 Beede Hill Road, will be open on Saturday, August 8th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Admission is FREE! Come see and discover what over a thousand people have found out for themselves since 2004 -- that Fremont is one astounding town historically!! Come check out the many amazing people, places and events that give Fremont it's unique appeal. There are over 40 interesting and informative exhibits covering the history of the town dating back to the 1720's when the town was first settled. 2009 marks the 50th Anniversary of the B-52 Bomber Plane Crash in Spruce Swamp... come see artifacts from the crash site. For more information or questions, contact FHS President Matthew Thomas at 895 4032.

VEHICLE RENEWALS ON-LINE 24/7

Online vehicle renewals are a convenient way for residents to renew vehicle registrations. With E-Reg, the Clerks' office is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It's as easy as logging on to the Town's website, click on the E-Reg link, provide the information required from your current registration or "mailer" and pay for your registrations at your convenience. You will have the option to mail in your checks to the Clerk or complete the payment process online from your checking account. You need only to supply your account number and bank's routing number to authorize direct payment. At the end of your transaction, you will receive a confirmation email verifying the renewal information was received. Once the transaction is completed, the Town Clerk then downloads and processes your renewals, prints your checks and mails out the registrations. The renewal process / receiving your registrations by mail is completed within 3 days of renewing vehicles online.

Resident's can renew in the month of their birthday and commercial vehicles can be renewed in their renewal month. E-Reg accepts any plate types for the renewal of both Local and State portion of the registration. For your convenience, E-Reg can also calculate new vehicle fees and renewal fees.

Future enhancements; E-mail renewal notices to customers, dog renewals on-line, payment by credit & debit card. You are encouraged to take a "test drive" and familiarize yourself with E-Reg at www.ereg.us.

Vehicle renewals in person: The DMV has restructured their software, which prohibits the Clerk's office from processing a vehicle renewal without having the current registration(s) or "mailer".

Change in registration fees: Pursuant to House Bill 2 (HB2), the State portion of certain fees will be changing. HB2 amends certain statutes. To view these changes please log onto the Town's website at Fremont.nh.gov and click on the Town Clerk's link. The fee increases become effective August 1, 2009. Please call the Clerk's office at 895-8693 with questions / concerns.

BI-ANNUAL TAX BILLING

Town Officials are looking into the prospect of bi-annual tax billing in Fremont to help reduce the amount of budgeted funds necessary for interest on Tax Anticipation Notes. The Town of Fremont only collects taxes once per year in December. This creates cash flow problems as the largest of our expenses (the School District) occur on a monthly basis. Once the Tax Anticipation Notes are repaid in December, as well as our county tax bill and other municipal annual expenses, there is little cash flow left as we approach the following spring, thus we begin the borrowing cycle again.

In order to get input from residents as well as present this information to taxpayers, we are planning to hold a public hearing in

September of 2009. The date and time will be announced as soon as it is set and all of the information has been tabulated.

Most residents escrow their taxes in their monthly mortgage payment, and as such, those people would not notice any change aside from sending your bill to your mortgagee twice per year. For those who try and save for their own tax payment individually, this will break up the sequence such that you do not get only one larger bill during the holidays. You would get a 1/2 bill due July 1, which would be based on your assessment as of April 1 multiplied by 1/2 the prior year's tax rate.

Please watch for another article and the date and time of a public hearing this fall. The decision to make the change will be made by the Selectmen in conjunction with the Tax Collector and Treasurer, but public input is an important part of the process.

ROADS & THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Obstructions in the Town's right-of-way are not permitted. Plantings, mulch, trees, rocks, and decorative pavers ARE NOT PERMITTED. These structures of any size obstruct drainage from the roadway and cause other road problems. The high amounts of winter snow will cause added drainage and runoff issues this spring. Please help keep the ROW area clear.

RSA 236:15 states that any building, structure or fence within or over any highway is a public nuisance. Please do not place any such items in the right-of-way as they are subject to being removed by the Highway Department. In general, the Town right of way is 13 feet on either edge of the paved surface. If you have any questions, please contact Road Agent Guerwood Holmes at 300 7429.

COMMUNITY COOPERATION FREMONT GARDEN CLUB & POPLIN

The Fremont Garden Club provided consultation for plant selection and labor to beautify the entrance to the Poplin Nursing Home in Fremont N.H.

Administrator Jeffrey Philbrick and Social Services Director, Jennifer Donovan along with FGC President Mary Kaltenback, and members Aja Mahoney, Nancy LeCain and Carolyn Carr combined efforts to achieve this project. Thank you to everyone who made this happen. The FGC is a member of the NH Federation of Garden Clubs Inc, NE Division and the National Garden Club, Inc.

CAMP FREMONT SUMMER PROGRAM

There are still a few weeks left of the fun Camp Fremont Summer Program! Campers will participate in a variety of physical and arts & crafts activities, as well as attend field trips and be entertained by educational presenters. Field trips costs and a free Camp Fremont t-shirt are included in the tuition costs. Come see how much fun Camp Fremont can be! Students enrolled in grades 2-9 during the 2009-2010 school year are eligible. The program runs Monday - Friday; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Ellis School gym. COST: One child for one week; \$85.00 per week. This includes trips and a t-shirt. Please check the website or application forms for more information on fees and before and after costs.

August 3-7: EXPLORERS – We'll explore and discover! Participate in our Bike Rodeo, treasure hunts, explore caves, & dig for artifacts. August 10-14: KOOKY KARNIVAL – We'll travel to Canobie Lake Park and put on our annual Kooky Carnival!

Registration forms, the field trip calendar, and camp information guides are available at the Ellis School, Town Hall, Fremont Public Library, and online at www.fremont.nh.gov. Please return all paperwork to the Selectmen's Office at the Fremont Town Hall.

Please email Jen Jaquith, Camp Director, with any questions at missj1133@yahoo.com (for quickest response) or call at 895-4869.

The Fremont Planning Board recently approved a new business in town, welcome to CK Scoops on Main Street serving up ice cream and NH crafts.

RESIDENTIAL GENERATOR SAFETY

The State Fire Marshal has developed this informational document to provide homeowners and other residents of New Hampshire with valuable information about generator safety during periods of power outages. Accidental fires from improper refueling methods, improper wiring methods, and carbon monoxide poisoning from exhaust can cause severe injuries or death to citizens. In addition, linemen attempting to restore power to the area can be injured or killed if the generator is not installed properly. For additional safety inspections and tips please contact your local Fire Department or this office at (603) 223-4298 or fmo@dos.nh.gov.

Portable Generators

Portable generators should be placed 10 feet from any structure, with the exhaust facing away from the building openings. Deadly exhaust fumes can enter the building through any opening and resulting in severe injury or death to unsuspecting occupants.

Never place portable generators on or near combustible surfaces such as decks, porches, or tool sheds. Heat generated by the motor, or improper refueling methods can start a fire.

Never run portable generators inside any building including basement areas and garages. Deadly levels of carbon monoxide can build up in minutes injuring affecting occupants with little to no warning.

Allow plenty of time to cool the generator before refueling. Gasoline vapors can easily ignite from hot surfaces causing a flash fire and severe injuries.

Always store approved gasoline containers a safe distance from generators while in use. Always store gasoline in an approved container placed in a well ventilated storage area. Never store gasoline products in basements or enclosed areas of your dwelling.

Never modify or construct any power cord so a generator can be connected to a receptacle, dryer or range outlet.

Never connect a generator directly to panelboard without a means to prevent inadvertent connection to the normal supply system wiring. Connecting a generator directly to an electrical outlet or to a panelboard without a transfer switch or an interlocking device could result in a situation where power from the generator could energize the utility's wiring (back feeds into the utility system). Electrical power from a generator back fed through your meter into the utility system can cause fires, serious injury or death to utility workers trying to repair the lines in the street, or electricians working on nearby property's electrical systems.

Unless you are the owner of, and are occupying, a single family residence or meet one of the exceptions in RSA 319-C, a license is required to perform the electrical installation for connection of a generator to premises wiring. Therefore, a properly licensed master electrician must perform the electrical installation. In all cases the electrical installation must meet the minimum requirements of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70-2008).

Although the generator is portable, an electrical permit and inspection may be required by the local jurisdiction for the installation of electrical wiring and equipment for connecting the generator to the premises wiring. Therefore it would be prudent to contact the local jurisdiction to ascertain whether an electrical permit is required.

Stationary Generator Installations

In many cases property owners have chosen to install a stationary generator. In addition to the above mentioned items, stationary generators used for an alternate source of power require additional considerations. Along with the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70-2008) the requirements of other documents, that are either adopted directly or by reference by the State of New Hampshire, must be adhered to. Examples of these documents and the types of requirements they contain are:

- NFPA 37, Standard for the Installation and Use of Stationary Combustion Engines and Gas Turbines (2002 Edition)
- NFPA 54, National Fuel Gas Code (2003 Edition)
- The Manufacturers Instructions

NFPA 37 requires stationary generator engines and their weatherproof housings if provided, that are installed outdoors to be

located at least 5' from openings in walls. This standard recognizes the potential danger of deadly carbon monoxide gasses entering the structure and injuring the occupants. Building openings could be, but are not limited to, the following:

Basement doors & bulkhead openings, Basement windows, Exit doors or sliding glass openings, Windows, Dryer vents, Kitchen appliance vents, Mechanical exhaust vents for heating or hot water appliances, and Air intake openings or screens

NFPA 37 also requires stationary generator engines and their weatherproof housings if provided, that are installed outdoors to be placed a minimum of five feet (5') from structures having combustible walls. The minimum separation is not required where:

- (1) The adjacent wall of the structure has a fire resistance rating of at least 1 hour and;

- (2) The weatherproof enclosure is constructed of noncombustible materials, which has been listed and approved in accordance with NFPA 555, verifying that a fire within the enclosure will not ignite combustible materials outside the enclosure.

These allowances apply directly to the separation from the combustible wall surface and in no case shall reduce the minimum distance to a building opening.

The fuel gas piping must be installed in accordance with both NFPA 37 and NFPA 54 (National Fuel Gas Code). These documents require that the second stage system regulator be placed a minimum of five feet (5') from any building opening and ignition source. Care must be given in placement of both the generator engine and delivery system piping to address the minimum separation distances.

Unless you are the owner of, and are occupying, a single family residence or meet one of the exceptions in RSA 319-C, a license is required to perform the electrical installation for connection of a stationary generator to premises wiring. Therefore, a properly licensed master electrician must perform the electrical installation. In all cases the electrical installation must meet the minimum requirements of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70-2008).

Unless you are the owner of an existing single family stand-alone structure that is used as your primary residence, Saf-C 8003.01 requires a license to perform the installation of the fuel gas supply system. In all cases the installation of the fuel gas supply system must meet all the applicable standards and codes. Installation permits and inspection may be required by the local jurisdiction for the installation of electrical wiring and equipment for connecting the generator to the premises wiring and for the fuel gas fitting portion of the installation. Therefore it would be prudent to contact the local jurisdiction to ascertain whether a permit(s) is required.

This Bulletin provided by the NH Division of Fire Safety, Office of the Fire Marshall and is posted at our web site: www.fremont.nh.gov

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

There is currently a vacancy for Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term through March 2012. The Trustees are volunteers and are generally responsible for management, investment and reporting of the Town's trust funds, which are for general town purposes (libraries, schools); capital reserve funds, town trust funds, and cemetery perpetual care funds. A general information piece (compiled from current statutes) is available on the Town's website (home page under volunteer position openings).

Anyone interested in this position can contact Pat Martel by email at martel4@comcast.net or call Heidi at the Town Offices at 895 2226 x 10 to get additional information. Pat will return a phone call to you if you leave your phone number in the email, or leave information with Heidi or Jeanne in the Selectmen's Office.

If you decide you are interested in the position, please submit a letter of interest, highlighting any pertinent background you have to make you an asset to the position, including any financial background experience. Submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, PO Box 120, Fremont NH 03044-0120. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

PEPPERMINT PONIES 4H & CAMP

Does your child love horses? Girls and boys ages 5 to 18 years are welcome to attend Peppermint Ponies 4H club meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 6 – 7:30 pm at North Road Farm, 370 North Road, Fremont as guests to learn more about equines, 4H and Summer Camp. Meeting dates: 8/12.

No experience or horse ownership is necessary. Questions? Contact Jan Brubacher, Leader at 679-3367, or by email at j.brubacher@comcast.net, www.peppermintponies4h.org, or stop by to visit. Scholarships available.